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National EMS Week & Phoenix Award Recognition Ceremony

The week of May 18 -24 is National EMS week to honor those Emergency Medical Services workers who daily devote their efforts to provide emergency responses to those with medical emergencies. This year's theme is *EMS: When It Matters Most*. While nationwide communities are honoring the 750,000 EMS providers with various activities, Lincoln Fire & Rescue and the 911 center will recognize those responsible for saving the lives of 15 citizens in 2002 with the awarding of "Phoenix Award" certificates.

Also being recognized this day will be members of the medical community that have assisted

The awards ceremony will be held at the Lincoln Firefighter's Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane on Wednesday, May 21 at 11:30 p.m. Over 100 certificates will be awarded to the 911 dispatchers who took the calls, and the firefighters and paramedics who responded to those EMS calls that resulted in a cardiac arrest "save". A "save" in Lincoln is defined as reviving a patient who is found by EMS without a pulse and not breathing "clinically dead", who is subsequently resuscitated AND who later is released from the hospital. The Lincoln EMS system boasted 15 "saves" in 2002.

The Mayor, Council members and the City's Medical Director have been invited to participate in the event.

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